

Veterans Group honors Harry Teague

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WASHINGTON (KRQE) - Congressman Harry Teague was honored by the Coalition for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans for his commitment to veterans' issues. Also, the American Tinnitus Association named him the "Legislator of the Year" for his dedication to tinnitus issues among men and women in the military.

"The heroes of the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars – and all other veterans – have already made their sacrifices to our nation, and now it's our turn to give them the services and support they have earned. It's that simple," said Harry Teague, a member of the House Veteran Affairs Committee. "That's why I've made veterans' issues a top priority. I am honored and humbled that these two organizations, which work so tirelessly for the benefit of our returning service men and women, have chosen to acknowledge my work."

The Coalition commented on Teague's commitment and why he received the honor. They credited his Energy Jobs for Vets bill, which passed the House in March.

"Congressman Teague has worked tirelessly on behalf of veterans, particularly in the areas of mental health, employment and homelessness, to ensure that when our warriors return home from war they get the care they deserve," said Amy Fairweather, Program Director CIAV.

President Obama recently signed the Veteran's Caregiver's Bill, which included Teague's provisions, into law. Teague also started the "Veteran of the Month" program in New Mexico.

Most notably, Teague was involved in the national health care act, as well as the Southwest Border Violence Reduction Act of 2009.